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Admiral C. A. Brinkmann
State Director of Civil Defense
State House

Re: Compulsory Civilian Participation
in Civil Defense Drill

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of January 14, 1954, whether Article 2(b) of the Interstate Compact authorizes the Governor to enforce compliance by citizens of the State in Civil Defense drills, you are advised that said Article 2 of the Compact, approved and confirmed by Laws 1951, chapter 104, recites what is found in section 5 VIII of chapter 224, Laws of 1953, and no additional authority beyond that granted by chapter 224, Laws of 1953 is conferred by that Compact.

In practice drills compulsory participation of those not members of the Civil Defense Organization is not provided. Your agency may encourage and assist general civilian participation for self-protection under the present law, but short of an actual imminent attack or major disaster, such compulsory participation and compliance must await legislative sanction.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Attorney General

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